

RAILROADS ASK INCREASE OF ALL INTRASTATE RATES

To Correspond With the Interstate Increases Authorized Saturday by the Interstate Commerce Commission—Increases Will Not Add to the Total Income Provided by the Federal Commission's Decision—Advance Requested in the Eastern States is 40 Per Cent.—Federal Commission Decision Increasing Freight Rates and Passenger Fares Will Aggregate About \$1,500,000,000.

Washington, August 1.—(By the A. P.)—Advances of intrastate rates—freight, passenger and Pullman—correspond with the interstate increases authorized yesterday by the Interstate Commerce Commission, will be asked of the various state railway commissions by the carriers. It was stated here tonight by Alfred P. Thom, general counsel for the Association of Railway Executives.

Such intrastate rate increases, Mr. Thom said, will not add to the total income provided for by the federal commission's decision because in submitting their estimates the carriers calculated on a basis of increases of both interstate and intrastate rates.

Applications to the state commissions are now being prepared by the carriers and it is expected that the increases will be granted. Should any state commission refuse to authorize them, however, the carriers will ask for corresponding increases in each state. The percentage of advances in intrastate freight rates which the roads will request varies from 25 per cent. in the territory in which the state is located. This increase requested in eastern states would be 25 per cent. in southern states, 35 per cent. in western states and 40 per cent. in mountain states.

NEW FARE RATE WILL BE 3.6 CENTS A MILE

Washington, July 31.—The Interstate Commerce Commission handed down a decision today increasing railroad freight rates and passenger fares an aggregate of about \$1,500,000,000.

All the advances asked for by the carriers were allowed except those on milk rates.

The decision divided the railroads of the country into four groups for rate making purposes, and percentage increases were made in each group. Eastern group rates, as a whole, were increased 25 per cent. The Eastern carriers asked 35 per cent. to give them the 8 per cent. return provided for by the transportation act and to meet the wage advance.

The Southern classification also remains the same. The Southern roads received a freight rate increase of 25 per cent. They asked 35 per cent. but for the last four months the Southern roads have been the only ones showing any earnings.

The Western classification territory was divided in two. The division line was run just east of the Rock Mountain range, and the division was made because the lines in the eastern group were generally having a hard struggle while those from the mountains west had better earnings. The carriers asked 35 per cent. advance in the western classification territory. The lines from the Mississippi River to the Rocky Mountains were given a 35 per cent. increase and those from the mountains to the Pacific coast a 25 per cent. increase. All passenger fares were increased 25 per cent. to give them the 8 per cent. return, with the additional 5 per cent. war tax.

A surcharge of 50 per cent. is put on all Pullman tickets. This means that wherever a Pullman reservation is bought one-half of the cost of the Pullman ticket must be paid as a surcharge on the passenger fare.

Communication and other trip tickets and all special passenger fares are increased 25 per cent. as are Pullman fares and all Pullman rates. The same per centum advance which applies to straight passenger fare, which will now be 3.6 cents a mile.

The transportation act provided that rates be fixed to give as near as might be a 6 per cent. return on the property of the carriers devoted to the uses of transportation. The railroads of the carriers property investment accounts as at present carried by the commission aggregate \$20,014,000,000. The commission did not in the decision today fix an arbitrary value of \$13,000,000,000 on the railroad property of the country actually used in transportation.

This course gives a 6 per cent. return on the latter value the commission having dropped off a little over a billion dollars on the valuation.

The railroads asked for increases last May of approximately a billion dollars to give a 6 per cent. return. A month ago when the Rail Labor Board handed down a decision granting wage increases of \$625,000,000, this was added in the application, the total then aggregating \$13,625,000,000. The commission allowed will aggregate less than one billion and a half, a difference of approximately \$150,000,000.

Carriers in the Eastern territory, that north of the Potomac River and east of the Ohio River, get approximately the full increase asked for.

The valuation of the roads in the Eastern district was cut to a little over \$200,000,000, and they were given an increase of 1-4 per cent. greater than they asked for. The Eastern carriers have for the past four months been running at a net deficit.

The decision brings final action in the greatest rate case in the history of the United States, and, of course, in the world. The case was practically uncontested. A majority of shippers agreed that rates would have to be advanced if the carriers were to be kept going.

The valuation figures as to the worth of the roads were attacked, but, by the Finance League and some shippers.

J. H. Hanley Killed in Auto Accident

Will Deliver Speeches on Wednesday and Thursday—Spent Quiet Sunday.

Dennison, Ohio, Aug. 1.—J. H. Frank Hanley, former governor of Indiana and candidate for president on the prohibition ticket in 1916, and Dr. and Mrs. C. M. Baker of Kilgore, Ohio, were killed six miles from here early today when a Pennsylvania freight train struck the automobile in which the party were driving to Kilgore.

All three suffered fractured skulls and crushed bodies and neither recovered consciousness after being brought to a local hospital. Mr. Hanley died at 9 a. m.; Mrs. Baker at 11:30 and her husband at 1:30 p. m.

Dr. and Mrs. Baker had met Mr. Hanley in Dennison at 6:45 o'clock this morning and were driving him to their home in Kilgore, twenty miles from here.

The Baker automobile drove across the Pennsylvania tracks in front of a freight train and directly in front of another and was struck squarely.

All three of the injured were rushed here to the Twin City hospital, where Governor Hanley and his wife died soon afterward. Mr. Hanley's head was badly crushed while Mrs. Baker sustained fatal injuries to her head and body. Dr. Baker's head was severely injured.

The chief of police here has notified relatives of Mr. Hanley in Indianapolis and it is expected the body will be shipped there.

FEAR GROWING OF GENERAL REVOLUTION IN IRELAND

Dublin, Aug. 1.—Fears that the Irish situation, which is daily growing more tense, may burst into a general conflagration at any moment are expressed in responsible quarters here. At the present time there is a virtual civil war south of the Boyne river except that administered by republican courts, but it is pointed out that each day finds the balance between the royal and revolutionary forces growing more equal.

It is estimated that there are between 60,000 and 80,000 fully equipped British soldiers in Ireland, and they are being reinforced by a regular army coming from across the channel. As a result, there are more frequent and more stubborn battles between the troops and the republican volunteers, who for a time had things their own way. There have also been more arrests for carrying arms and seditious literature, as reports to court martial show. It is expected the number of these arrests will increase if the government succeeds in carrying its "drastic measures" in the house of commons next week.

Reprisals by policemen and soldiers on villages suspected of harboring men responsible for attacks on the army have forced the crown army to expect that the police being particularly aroused over the attacks made on their fellow members in the south and west.

Simon E. Baldwin of New Haven, former governor of the state, spoke on "The Irish Situation" at a meeting held at the headquarters of the Irish League, which was founded here in 1874 by Tapping Reeve, a Princeton graduate of the class of 1873.

Mrs. George Maynard Minor of Waterford, president-general of the Irish League of the American Revolution, gave an address. Her subject was "Sarah Pierce, Pioneer of High Education."

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LITCHFIELD CELEBRATES 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF FOUNDED

Litchfield, Conn., Aug. 1.—Litchfield's celebration of the 50th anniversary of its founding began today and is scheduled to last through Wednesday. The observance attracted hundreds of persons to the picturesque town. Church services and exercises were held at the town hall, with addresses by several prominent men and women of Connecticut.

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HOW TO PREVENT MANX LANDING IN IRELAND

Dublin, Aug. 1.—Should Archbishop Mannix of Australia be forced to proceed direct to Liverpool the question arises as to how the government can prevent his coming to Ireland. Until a few months ago a permit was required to land in Ireland, but this regulation was abolished. It is suggested that it might be revived, as having the amount due the employer for any number of hours and minutes.

The system has many advantages, according to Frederick W. Hild, general manager of the company. It makes the earnings of a man's wages difficult. It also means that the men always have money in their pockets, according to Mr. Hild. This company benefit pays a small weekly check or pay envelope, says Mr. Hild, who adds, however, that the company loses about \$1,800 per year in interest it otherwise would receive on its pay-roll from the banks.

NEW HAVEN WOMAN CHARGED WITH MURDER OF HUSBAND

New York, Aug. 1.—Mrs. Alexandra Sokolowsky, widow of Frank Sokolowsky, was arrested here tonight, charged with murder of her husband at their home at New Haven, Conn., on the morning of June 24.

The woman was taken to police headquarters, where, detectives said, she broke down and confessed she threw carbolic acid on her husband as he slept.

Mrs. Sokolowsky explained her act as a desperate declaration, by saying that her husband, who was a prominent labor leader, was a handsome man and she wanted to spoil his good looks after she found a letter written to him by another woman. Some of the acid is supposed to have been swallowed by Sokolowsky, causing his death.

ITALY TO CONFISCATE ALL EXCESS WAR PROFITS

Rome, Aug. 1.—The government bill providing for the confiscation of all excess war profits was passed in its entirety by the Italian chamber of deputies here today.

BRIEF TELEGRAMS

Martial law was declared in Tehran, capital of Persia, according to a report from that city.

The American dollar was quoted unchanged at 13 francs 7 centimes on the Paris exchange.

The Pennsylvania State Highway Commission forecasts the apple crop this year at 11,485,000.

Twenty-one persons were killed and twelve injured in a munition factory explosion near Prague.

Bar gold in London was quoted at 110s 6d an ounce, compared with 102s 9d at the last previous close.

Despite precautions of the sanitary authorities, several new cases of bubonic plague developed in Vera Cruz.

Six destroyers and the cruiser St. Louis were ordered to proceed from Philadelphia to Turkish waters.

Census gives Worcester county, Mass., including Worcester, 455,138 population, increase 55,478 or 13.9 per cent.

The thread mills of J. & P. Conits, Pawtucket, R. I., employing 2,500 were closed Saturday for two weeks.

The price of bread, according to statistics compiled by the U. S. department of agriculture, has increased 6.15 per cent in the last year.

Three men were killed in Valbrillant, Quebec, when a bolt of lightning struck a shed in which dynamite was stored.

Squadron 2, Division 3 and 4 of the Atlantic fleet arrived at San Francisco with 1,500 apprentice midshipmen from Annapolis Academy.

Dr. Thomas Upham Co. 32, said to be one of Maine's largest timberland owners, died Saturday at his summer home at Kineo of pneumonia.

Surprise was expressed in Vatican circles by Archbishop Mannix's Irish statements and his exclusion from Ireland by Premier Lloyd George.

Two limited cars on the St. Joseph and Kansas City interurban line collided head-on two miles north of Kansas City injuring about thirty-five persons.

The State Department announced American cargoes valued at about \$1,000,000 were seized during the war by the British will be released.

Two trainmen were killed and several passengers injured when a Canadian National Railway suburban train ran into a freight train at St. John's, N. B.

The Cabot Cotton mill at Brunswick, Me., employing about 800, will be closed for two weeks beginning August 7 on account of unsatisfactory business conditions.

Grover A. Whalen, Commissioner of Plant and Structures, says it will take four weeks to a month to make repairs on the Williamsburg Bridge, damaged by fire.

Bag silver in London was 1-4d higher at 55 1-4d a ounce. The New York domestic price remained unchanged at 59 1-2, and foreign silver was 5-8 lower at 92 5-8.

An entire city block from Third and Locust to Spruce street, Philadelphia, was partially in ruins after a fire which burned out the stock of six firms at a loss of \$800,000.

Frank E. Dimond, a farmer of the West Concord, N. H. district, shot and killed his son, Oliver C. Dimond, late last night, mistaking the younger man, it is said, for a berry thief.

Agents of James M. Shevlin, prohibition enforcement agent, seized 150 cases of whiskey at the liquor store of Leonard Bernstein The Bronx. The liquor is valued at \$115,000.

An increase to take the place of a flat 20 per cent. increase to city employees was presented to the Board of estimate by Mayor Hylan of New York. A graduated scale is the Mayor's plan.

Governor Cants. of Lower California expects to have fully 4,000 recruits, in addition to his regular standing army of 600 men. Recruiting stations are being swarmed by mobs eager to enlist.

Harry G. Schuh, who federal authorities say was the chauffeur for Erwin G. Bergdoll alleged draft dodger, when Bergdoll was running around the country, has given himself up at Philadelphia.

Frederick Clawson, organizer of the American-Canadian corporation, a 45-000 organization to develop oil and gas in the Canadian north-west, was indicted by the New York Federal Grand Jury on a charge of using the mails to defraud.

John Bonell, a sheep herder was shot and more than 1,000 sheep were killed in a clash between men said to represent Colorado cattle interests and the Utah sheep men just across the state line in northwestern Colorado.

Fifth avenue and 42nd street, New York, will be decorated today by 150 American and Knights of Columbus flags in honor of the supreme convention which is expected to bring thousands of K. C.'s to New York.

Automobile licenses issued during the first six months of this year amounted to 52,500 in Saskatchewan as against 50,575 issued during the corresponding period last year. More than three-fourths of the licenses were issued to farmers.

A search is being made along the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis railroad route for the body of John Thompson, Jr., wealthy Nashville financier, who disappeared from his stateroom on a train from Memphis to Nashville.

Dominique Jaques, chief of the tribe of Digger Indians, was a visitor at the Independence Day celebration at Laguna Mountains. He is said to be 144 years old, born the day of the Declaration of Independence was signed.

Alexander Howatt, president of the Kansas Mine Workers' Union, wired John L. Lewis that Kansas miners would use all the power at their command to force the operators to return every dollar that was taken from their wages.

The Rev. John Marberry, pastor of the John Wesley church of the Nazarenes of Brooklyn, N. Y., a visitor at the White House, offered a prayer in the President's private office "for the speedy recovery of the President and ultimate success of his peace plans."

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Nellie Duffy.

Greenwich, Conn., Aug. 1.—Mrs. Nellie Duffy died here today at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ernest Thompson Seton. She was born in North Adams, Mass., 74 years ago of old colonial ancestry. Besides Mrs. Seton she leaves a son, Albert Gallatin, of Sacramento, Cal., and another daughter, Mrs. Frank Powers, of San Francisco.

Harding to be Busy on Porch This Week

Former Governor of Indiana and Prohibition Candidate For President in 1916.

Marion, Ohio, Aug. 1.—Senator Harding spent Sunday of almost complete relaxation from the cares of the campaign. Most of the day he remained at home resting, and only once or twice did he look in at his office in the administration building, next door to his home.

Mrs. Harding had dinner with a party of neighbors and in the afternoon chatted with friends who dropped in for Sunday calls. They did not attend services during the morning as usual, their church being closed because of the illness of the pastor.

The senator's only conference during the day was with Representative William E. Mason of Illinois, who has been one of the leaders in congress for recognition of the Irish republic. Mr. Mason said he only had come to Marion to pay his respects to the nominee but he indicated that he might have a statement to make later about their talk.

Tomorrow Senator Harding will go to work on the second of his front porch speeches, to be delivered Wednesday. Another will follow on Thursday.

That the republican nominee will not permit the democrats to evade the issue of national issues reiterated from the Harding headquarters today in a statement by Senator McCormick of Illinois, who came to Marion yesterday to confer with Senator Harding.

The Illinois senator, who is reported to be in charge of the republican national headquarters, declared "the solemn referendum which Dr. Wilson has sought" would be carried out.

The democratic attitude he characterized as "amusing" in view of recent utterances by European statesmen.

"In an official statement published in London papers now received here," Senator McCormick's statement continued, "the British prime minister says that obviously the movement must be revived in order to secure American adhesion to any league, and that it will be revived for the better. Lord Grey proposes that a new president, in consultation with the senate, shall be invited to re-write the entire plan for a concert among the nations and warns against accepting again as representative of the American people the personal views of a party leader."

It is the plain truth that in France and England responsible public men bitterly deplore the misrepresentation of America by Dr. Wilson.

POZZI HOPES TO RESUME BUSINESS THIS WEEK

Boston, Aug. 1.—The federal probe of the accounts of Charles Pozzi, who claims to have made millions for himself and investors who trusted him with their money, continued throughout the day, and well into the night.

The auditors gave no information as to their progress, and the work is expected to occupy the rest of the week.

Pozzi did not go to his office during the day, remaining at his home in Lexington during the forenoon and motoring with his wife in the afternoon. As the automobile and its occupants sped along the highways hundreds of eyes were focused upon it, eager to catch a glimpse of the latest wonder of the financial world.

During the day a continuous line of cars turned off from the main street through the village to pass Pozzi's pretentious hilltop home, slowing down as they went by. Hundreds of others on foot, more insistent, were ordered from the grounds by guards to keep off the premises.

Pozzi said tonight that he would be at his office in the morning as usual, and hoped to resume business before the week was over.

COOLIDGE CRITICIZED FOR VETOING 2.75 BEER BILL

Boston, Aug. 1.—Governor Coolidge is criticized for vetoing the 2.75 per cent. beer bill and for signing the daylight saving bill in the report of William A. Nealey, president of the state branch, American Federation of Labor, to be presented at the annual convention of that body in Boston tonight.

The report asserts that the beer bill was endorsed by a majority of the voters of the state and that the daylight saving bill was opposed by farmers, organized labor and all others outside of the big interests.

"My understanding of democracy," says Mr. Nealey in his report, "is that the people should have a voice in a case where the people had voiced their sentiments and no heed was paid to them, as the man sets himself up as a czar and refuses to carry out their wishes and is assisted by the legislature."

CHALLENGE FROM MONTREAL FOR AMERICA'S CUP IN 1921

New York, Aug. 1.—Alexander C. Ross of Montreal, with a mile over today telegraphed to Commodore J. P. Morgan of the New York Yacht club, challenging to compete for the America's cup in July, 1921, according to the New York World.

The challenge was issued on behalf of the Cape Breton Royal and Halifax Yacht clubs, of which Ross, a former member of the Canadian parliament, is a life member.

Mr. Ross is quoted as stating that the Atlantic coast to be manned by their countrymen and that they will abide by the New York Yacht club rules as to measurement and cost. A formal challenge is said to be following by letter, which is required under the deed of gift of the cup.

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT BOUND FOR WASHINGTON

Portland, Me., Aug. 1.—Franklin D. Roosevelt, democratic nominee for vice president, left this city for Washington tonight, accompanied by Mrs. Roosevelt.

He arrived this morning from their summer home on Campobello Island and spent the day with Mr. Roosevelt's aunt, Mrs. David Grey, on the Fairmount shore.

Former Congressman Daniel J. McCall of Lewiston and several other democratic leaders called on Mr. Roosevelt. He made a tentative promise to them that he would speak in Maine twice during the campaign.

TO INVESTIGATE PONZI AGENT IN JERSEY CITY

Jersey City, N. J., Aug. 1.—W. H. Mackie, district agent at Bayonne for the Securities Exchange company of Boston, headed by Charles Ponzi, who claims to have made a fortune through transactions in international postal exchange, today was ordered to produce his books and records before Prosecutor Piers Garvey of Jersey City.

Mr. Mackie was anxious to learn whether the transactions of the exchange company in this state warranted any action being taken by his office.

MOTOR BOAT "WINWAM" FOUND DRIFTING IN SOUND

Guilford, Conn., Aug. 1.—The motor boat "Winwam," a 40 foot craft bearing New York license number 2544, was found drifting today in Long Island sound six miles from Faulkner's Island and was towed in here by William Harwick, assistant lighthouse keeper at the island. There was no one on board the motor boat.

POKER PLAYERS ARE USING LIMA BEANS FOR CHIPS

Passaic, N. J., Aug. 1.—Police, raiding three alleged gambling houses here today, found lima beans being used as chips. The players instead of poker chips. The price of poker chips has resulted, the police said, in the substitution of beans. Fifty men were arrested in the raids and all were held in \$500 bail for the action of the grand jury.

DETAILED RESTRICTION OF BLEACHING OF FLOUR

Washington, Aug. 1.—The department of agriculture in a statement issued Saturday held that the flour coming within jurisdiction of the federal food and drugs act "is adulterated if the bleaching has reduced the quality and strength of the flour or concealed damage or inferiority." Such flour may be shipped only on condition that the bleaching has not concealed inferiority or impaired its quality or strength.

Officials declared that no action would be taken at this time on the ground that bleaching introduces into the flour a substance which might be injurious to health.

SOVIET FORCES ADVANCE ON WARSAW AND SEND BERG

Wireless Tells of the Fortress of Brest-Litovsk by the Russians—Bolshevik Cavalry on the German Eastern Frontier Has Been Withdrawn and Started in the Direction of Warsaw—Russian Soviet Army is Now Within 75 Miles to the Northeast of the Polish Capital.

London, Aug. 1.—The fortress of Brest-Litovsk, the stronghold 110 miles east of Warsaw, on the boundary of Poland proper, is reported to have been captured by the Russians, according to a wireless despatch from Berlin today.

The reports, says the Berlin message, came from eastern Germany and declared that Brest-Litovsk had been taken by the bolsheviks after only slight resistance from the Poles and that the soviet forces were continuing their advance toward Warsaw and Lemberg.

The bolshevik cavalry on the German eastern frontier, the message adds, has been withdrawn and started in the direction of Warsaw.

Friday's official soviet communique from Moscow, transmitted through London Saturday, while it did not claim the capture of Brest-Litovsk, indicated that the soviet forces had reached that fortress in their forward movement against the Polish capital.

Prushank Tuesday and advanced to Brest-Litovsk Thursday.

BOLSHEVIK CONTINUE PENETRATION OF ARMENIA

Constantinople, July 29 (By the A. P.).—Bolshevik penetration of Armenia is continuing, according to late advices received here. The provinces of Karabagh and Zangezur, which were captured by soviet governments on July 20 on lines similar to those of the Baku government.

Paris, Aug. 1 (By the A. P.).—The Russian soviet army is now within 75 miles of Warsaw. It has captured Lomza, which is just that distance northeast of the Polish capital. The town of Kolno and Szczytno, near the German border in the Lomza region.

Despite these and other bolshevik successes, the military experts of the Anglo-French mission in Poland are reported to be optimistic, because of the remarkable stiffening in the resistance of the Polish northern army under General Haller.

The chief concern of the experts is the position of the fourth Polish army defending Brest-Litovsk, but Polish advisers declare the pressure upon that army will be relieved shortly by the Polish counter-offensive which is being directed northward from the region of Brody, northeast of Lemberg.

A large number of ships is arriving at Danzig daily from French and British ports with munitions, which are being unloaded rapidly and rushed to the Polish front, according to word received here. An efficient unloading system has been organized by the allied experts and in putting this system into effect French, British and Polish workers are laboring side by side without interference, it is declared.

DISSEMINATION HAS SPRUNG UP IN THE RUSSIAN ARMY

Berlin, Aug. 1.—Strong opposition to obeying orders from the Moscow government has sprung up in the Russian army on the Polish front. It is declared in a despatch to the Tageblatt from Koenigsberg. It is pointed out that the soviet army is to a great extent led by former officers of the imperial army.

POLES FROM AMERICA ARE JOINING GEN. HALLER'S ARMY

Berlin, Aug. 1.—A report from Danzig states that 100 volunteers from the collapse of the Polish front, the transporters from Danzig of American Polish volunteers who had fought with General Haller's army in France is continuing. The American steamer Pocahontas, the menage adds, has left for New York with 1,200 of General Haller's former troops.

WOMEN'S BATTALION TO DEFENSE OF WARSAW

Warsaw, July 30 (By the A. P.).—Warsaw was brought into closer contact with the front today by the arrival, in a shattered condition, of a women's battalion which fought in the defense of Vilna. The battalion suffered heavy losses. It is now being reorganized. Mass has been held in memory of the women soldiers and others who fell defending Vilna.

GOV. SMITH OF NEW YORK IS TO BE RENOMINATED

Saratoga Springs, N. Y., Aug. 1.—Gov. Alfred E. Smith will be designated as a candidate for re-election by the unofficial democratic state convention, which will be called to order here on Tuesday for at least a two-day session. There has been no opposition within the party to the governor's renomination.

The convention is expected to name a complete state ticket, a candidate to dispute the return to the United States senate of Senator James M. Wadsworth, 70, and a candidate for the office of chief justice of the court of appeals, and will adopt a platform setting forth the principles on which the fall campaign will be waged.

RUTH WOODS HELD AS WITNESS OF LOFTIS' DEATH

Chicago, Aug. 1.—Ruth Woods, 25 year old hotel bookkeeper, who was the only guest of Samuel H. Loftis on the night of his death, was held today as a witness in the case. She was held in a hotel room, which ended in the millionaire diamond merchant's death Friday night, is being held "merely as a material witness and apparently was in no way responsible for the death of Mr. Loftis."

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EXPECT MINERS WILL OBEY ORDER TO RETURN TO WORK

Indianapolis, Ind., Aug. 1.—John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America, was out of town today and in his absence other officials at Miners' headquarters here would make no comment on the strike situation.

Last night, however, strike leaders expressed the opinion that the strikers generally would obey President Lewis' order directing them to return to work. No word had been received from the Illinois district at this time, but the Indiana district was very encouraging, official said.

RESCUED FROM DROWNING IN LAKE MAHKEENAC

Stockbridge, Mass., Aug. 1.—Vice Governor Edwin W. Platt of the Federal Reserve bank was rescued from drowning in Lake Mahkeenac this afternoon while fishing with Congressman W. W. Larkin of Essex and John Rogers of Lowell, who pulled him from the water after he had fallen in while striving to land a black bass. They were guests at the log camp of Congressman Allen T. Treadway on the shore of the lake. Mr. Platt suffered no ill effects from his experience.

CRUSHED BETWEEN TROLLEY CAR AND AUTOMOBILE

Norwalk, Conn., Aug. 1.—Archibald Benishka, 24, died in a hospital here today from injuries received last night when he was crushed between a trolley car and an automobile. The automobile was driven by Harry I. Croal, a garage proprietor, who was arrested on a charge of manslaughter and released in bonds of \$2,500. Benishka was a son of J. Benishka, Associated Press telegraph operator of the South Norwalk Sentinel.

ALASKA-BOUND PLANES HAVE LEFT EDMONTON

Edmonton, Alberta, Aug. 1.—Three United States army airplanes, trailing a aerial trail from Mincola, N. Y., to Alaska, left here this morning for the Alaskan coast. The planes were on the Alaskan coast Saturday afternoon. They were forced back here by a storm after completing 70 miles.

DISTILLERY AND 400,000 GALLONS OF WHISKY SOLD

Harrodsburg, Ky., Aug. 1.—Announcement was made today of the sale of the Old Jordan Distillery, this city, and 400,000 gallons of whiskey to George Lee and other New York capitalists for \$900,000. The distillery building with its dismantled and machinery and equipment will be taken to Cuba and set up again.